Complaints against Director (PFA) Government of NCT of Delhi

2247. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 4010 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th August, 2001 and state:

(a) whether CVC, CBI and Delhi Government have received complaints against Director (PFA) Department of PFA of Delhi Government during recent past regarding connivance with traders against Public Interest and also mismanaging the Department on the advice of a tout;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed by Government to transfer Director (PFA) and conduct enquiry in view of (a) above and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) No, Sir. None of these organizations have received any such complaint against the present incumbent of the post of Director (PFA), Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi. However, two complaints were received during the last three years against some of his predecessors in which the allegations relating to extension of undue favour, etc. were made. One of these complaints was pseudonymous and was not probed into in view of the standing instructions of the Central Vigilance Commission. As regards the second complaint, the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have, on the basis of the report furnished by the CBI, have constituted a Committee the terms of reference of which include fixing of responsibility for the alleged lapses of the then Director (PFA) and other officials of the Department.

Charge-sheet filed against culprits involved in attack on Parliament

2248. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any charge-sheet has been filed against the culprits of the December 13 attack on Parliament;

(b) if so, the details of the charges framed and under what sections; and

(c) the details of persons against whom charges have been framed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The charges framed against the accused are covered under sections 121, 121A, 122, 123, 302, 307 and 120B of the Indian Penal Code; Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Explosive Substances Act; and Sections 3(a), 3(2), 3(4), 3(3,4), 4(b), 5,6 and 20 of the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

(c) Charges has been framed in this case against four persons, namely, Mohammad Afzal, Shaukat Hussain Guru, Sayed Abdul Rehman Gilani and Smt. Navjot Sandhu alias Afsan Guru.

Inclusion of more Languages in the Eighth Schedule

2249. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced recently that a high-powered committee would be set up soon to evolve guidelines for inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard;

(c) whether Government have set a time-frame to give its recommendations;

(d) whether Government have received requests for inclusion of languages in the Eighth Schedule: and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The constitution of the High Powered Body and its terms of reference are under the consideration of the Government.

(d) and (e) The Government have received representations/requests for inclusion of as many as 32 languages *viz. Rajasthani, Maithili, Dogri, Bhojpuri, Santhali, Tulu, Kamaoni (Pahari), Garwhwali (Pahari), Lushai/ Mizo, Bhotia, Bhoti, Lepcha, Limbu, Bodo, Dhatki, Kurak, Mundari, Ho, Kachchhi, Angika, Pali, Pahari (Himachali), Bazika, Shaurseni (Prakrit) Nagpuri, Kurmali, Siraiki, English, Kok Barak, Nicobarese, Gondi & Khasi* in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India.